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MODERNISATION SCHEME BY BHEL
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has formulated anymodernisation scheme worth twelve hundred crores of rupees to deal with the emerging challenges of world competition;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which BHEL is likely to promote its export business through the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): BHEL has embarked upon a holistic modernisation programme for itsaged facilities at various manufacturing units, encompassing manufacturing, assembly and testing activities in an integrated manner. Simultaneously, modernisation of construction equipment and tools at BHEL`s Power Sector sites has also been taken up.

So far, Modernisation schemes amounting to about Rs.580 crores have beenformulated. Out of this, schemes amounting to Rs.310 crores have been approved and are under various stages of implementation. Modernisation of the remaining products are at various stages of formulation/appraisal.

These modernisation schemes are aimed at raising the company`s facilities to the state of the art, in order to enable it to face the challenges of global competition.

(c): The modernisation schemes are aimed at improving the product qualityand reducing cycle time and costs which in turn would improve export opportunities.